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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/736,315	12/15/2000	Lee Guang-Gwo	969-271	8720

TITLE OF INVENTION: WHEEL HOLDER ASSEMBLY FOR A SKATEBOARD

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
1	nonprovisional	YES	\$640	\$300	\$940	02/19/2002

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Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/736,315	Applicant(s) Guang-Gwo, Lee
	Examiner Bridget Avery	Art Unit 3618

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/24/01.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. The drawings filed on Dec 15, 2000 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>2</u> .
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald Casey on October 24, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1:

A1
line 13, "X-axis direction" has been replaced with --a transverse direction with respect to the footplate--;

A2
line 14, "Y-axis direction" has been replaced with --a longitudinal direction with respect to the footplate--;

line 15, "two" has been replaced with --a--;

line 15, "ribs" has been changed to --rib--;

line 16, "two sides" has been changed to --one side--;

line 25, "ribs" has been changed to --rib--.

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or reasonably disclose a wheel holder assembly including a mounting frame fastened to a footplate of a skateboard; the mounting frame including a barrel and a countersunk hole spaced axially from the barrel; the barrel including a locating notch; a screw bolt mounted in the countersunk hole and extended through the barrel; a locknut threaded onto the screw bolt; a wheel holder frame pivoted to the screw bolt and including two fixed wheel axles axially aligned at two sides in a transverse direction with respect to the footplate; a pivot hole extended in a longitudinal direction with respect to the footplate; a locating rib disposed at a back sidewall and aligned at one side of one end of the pivot hole; a hook plate mounted on the screw bolt and stopped between the barrel and the locknut; the hook plate including a through hole coupled to the screw bolt and a hooked head hooked on the locating notch of the barrel; a first and second corrugated washer mounted on the screw bolt; and a compression spring mounted on the screw bolt and stopped between the countersunk hole and the wheel holder frame.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."



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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bridget Avery whose telephone number is (703) 308-2086.


Avery

October 25, 2001


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